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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : I cannot give those details now, Sir.

* 3428 *Q*.—SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Will the the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the present stage of the re-organization of the Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies in Malabar;

(*b*) when it is expected to be completed; and

(*c*) the reasons for the delay and the steps taken to expedite it?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House.

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : In the Statement placed on the table, it is stated that registration of 22 societies have been cancelled. May I know for what reason the registration of these 22 societies has been cancelled?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : For various reasons, Sir.

9-10 a.m. SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : From the answer placed on the table of the House, it is found that 29 societies are still pending reorganization. Will the Government expedite the reorganization of these societies?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : It is only 24 societies that are waiting registration now. The answer was prepared some time back. I have said in the course of my reply to the Demand that this work will be completed by the end of the next month.

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : The delay in the reorganisation of societies is due to the delay in dealing with the papers sent by the societies to the Deputy Registrar and Registrar of Co-operative Societies. Therefore, may I know from the Hon. Minister whether he will give some compensation to the societies which had to suffer considerable loss on account of the delay in reorganisation?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : The matter is being dealt with as expeditiously as possible. There is a Special Deputy Registrar in charge of this work and the Collector has been asked to settle all pending claims.

Lower Bhavani Project canals

* 3429 *Q*.—SRI K. T. RAJU (on behalf of Sri N. K. Palanisamy) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have passed orders during January 1956 to keep open the Lower Bhavani Project Main and Extension canals till March 1956 thereby cancelling the previous orders to close the canals after the 15th January 1956;

(*b*) if so the reasons for the modification; and

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 69 infra.

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(c) whether the Lower Bhavani Project canals will be kept open till March every year?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (a) & (b) No orders were issued for closing the project canals after the 15th January 1956. Under the tentative Rules of Regulation for Bhavanisagar, the canals should be closed on the 15th March. This year however, in view of the satisfactory storage position in the reservoir, and for enabling the raising of a first millet crop in areas not brought under cultivation till then and for the cultivation of a second millet crop in areas already cultivated with a first millet crop, orders were issued, in January last, as a special case, to keep open the project canals till the 31st March 1956.

(c) It cannot be said whether they can be kept open every year.

SRI K. T. RAJU : கீழ் பவானி கால்வாயில் விடப்படுகிற தண்ணீர், கால்வாயின் கடை முனையின் வடகோடி வரையில் போய்ச் சேராமல் அங்கு தண்ணீர் நெருக்கடி ஏற்பட்டிருக்கிறது. ஆகவே, கால்வாயின் கடை முனையில் உள்ள நிலங்களுக்கு அதிகமாக தண்ணீர் போய்ச் சேருவதற்கு பிரத்யேகமான நடவடிக்கைகளை எடுக்க அமைச்சரவர்கள் முன்வருவார்களா?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : கனம் அங்கத்தினர் இந்த விஷயத்தைப்பற்றி என்னிடம் சொன்னார். உடனடியாக நான் இன்ஜினியருக்குத் தகவல் கொடுத்து 17-ந் தேதிக்குள் ஒரு ரிபோர்ட்டு வரவேண்டுமென்று உத்தரவு பிறப்பித்திருக்கிறேன்.

Evacuee property in Madras City

* 3430 Q.—SRI A. M. RATHNASWAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state, the extent of landed property in the Madras City which has been taken over by the Collector of Madras as evacuee property?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : 23 cawnies, 19 grounds and 77 square feet.

SRI A. M. RATHNASWAMY : Is it a fact that there are a number of slums coming under the evacuee property? May I also know whether it is a fact that the Harijans living in these affected slums have approached the Government for the purchase of these sites and if so with what result?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, Sir. Some of the slums are situated in evacuee properties and a proposal to acquire them under the Slum Acquisition Act is under consideration.

SRI A. M. RATHNASWAMY : Have the Government any idea of the rough estimate of the landed property and also buildings? May I know whether the Khaleeli Buildings come under evacuee property?